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ROUTE TO REHAB

Each police station to have officer tasked with follow-up of drug-related cases and assisting affected individuals, families

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NO CLASS

As over 60% teaching posts lie vacant across public universities in state, Bengaluru has worst report card

Second half of this year has witnessed alarming spike in violent road rage cases as viral videos create concern among commuters, who seek more beat patrols to keep things under control

FAST & FURIOUS

Chases, lethal assaults over minor scrapes

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Road rage incidents in the city are turning increasingly lethal as minor arguments and gestures spiral to violent physical attacks and even vehicle-based assaults. Triggered by heavy traffic, aggressive driving, and dwindling patience among commuters, city is witnessing more heated confrontations, fistfights, and in extreme cases, deliberate collisions or weapon use. A notable finding is that most road rage offenders are first-time culprits.

According to police data, 11 road rage incidents were reported in first half of the year and six culprits were arrested, but in the second half of the year, especially, in the past few weeks, the cases of violence have spiked. In several recent cases, individuals have been assaulted with helmets, stones, and even iron rods. Some offenders have chased victims across lanes, causing further chaos and endangering bystanders.

In October and November alone, several shocking road rage episodes were reported across the city. In one case, a biker allegedly punched a car driver after a slight touch between their vehicles at a busy junction. In another, a cab

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“It has become increasingly evident that night patrolling and scheduled beat rounds are not being carried out consistently. As a result, we are seeing a rise in mugging cases, mobile, chain snatching, and incidents of road rage

— Vinod Jacob, civic activist

Bridge the garbage gap

633 tonnes of wet waste goes unprocessed per day in city

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Bengaluru's garbage crisis refuses to die down.

An affidavit filed by Karnataka's Chief Secretary to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) suggests that Bengaluru still has a processing gap of 633 tonnes per day (TPD) in wet waste management.

To bridge this gap, while tenders for two integrated solid waste management plants, comprising biomethanation plants with a cumulative capacity of 2,844 TPD, were invited months ago, they are yet to be finalised. The tender has been re-notified for the third time, with the bid submission deadline fixed as November 27.

While no bids were received in the first call, in the second call, although three bidders participated, none qualified in the technical evaluation.

The remaining 17 projects on Solid Waste Management by Greater Bengaluru Authority are at various stages of the tendering process. As per the approved implementation schedule, 10 works are planned for completion by December 2026, and the remaining 7 Legacy Waste remediation projects are expected to be completed by August 2027.

Apart from wet waste, a total of 725 tonnes per day of dry waste in

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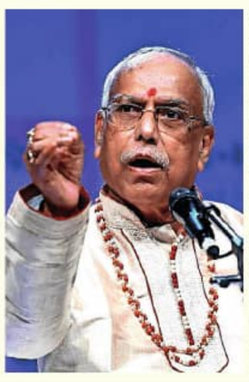
THINGS TO DO

01 Musical maestros



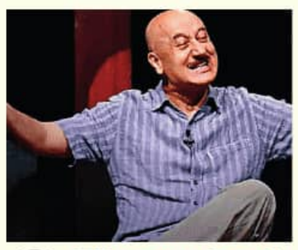
Sursagar is celebrating their 43rd Varshikotsav with music performances by Ojas Adhiya, a top ranking percussionist, and Pt Vinayak Torvi, renowned vocalist, and other renowned musicians accompanying their performances. **Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleshwaram; When: November 23, 5.30 pm**

02 Handicraft haven

'The Festival of Handmade' is bringing together over 200 groups from across the country in a vibrant and exciting market that showcases exquisite handicrafts. **Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel; When: November 26 to 30**

03 Melodious evening

From heartfelt ballads to high-energy anthems, Sanjith Hegde will be performing live, taking the audience on a rollercoaster of music, visuals and emotion. **Where: Manpho Convention Centre, Nagavara; When: November 30, 6 pm**



04 Theatrical journey

As part of the Bengaluru Theatre Festival Season 2, Anupam Kher will be narrating and dramatising the important events of his life in a play titled 'Kucch bhi ho sakta hai'. **Where: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte; When: December 5, 8 pm**

05 Fun family time

Kukdukoo Children's Festival is bringing a weekend of fun, laughter and magic, packed with spectacular activities for children and parents **Where: Oakridge International School, Dommasandra; When: Nov 29 and 30, 10.45 am**

A bitter pill to swallow

Study finds presence of multidrug-resistant organisms amongst Indian population; doctors say misuse of antibiotics is major factor causing drug resistance and decreased efficacy in treatment

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Doctors warn against unnecessary or improper use of antibiotics

As the health community marks Antibiotic Awareness Week from November 18 to 24, health experts are sounding the alarm over the growing threat of antibiotic resistance in children. Widespread overuse, self-medication, and incomplete courses of antibiotics are making commonly used drugs ineffective, often forcing the use of stronger, last-resort medications and intravenous therapy.

A recent study published in The Lancet eClinical Medicine, titled 'Preprocedural screening for multidrug resistant organisms in endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography: An international, multicentre, cross sectional observational study', found that 83 per cent of Indian patients carry at least one multidrug-resistant organism (MDRO). The study screened over 1,200 patients across four countries, India, Italy, the Netherlands, and the United States. Among Indian patients, 70 per cent harboured ESBL-producing bacteria and 24 per cent carried carbapenem-resistant bacteria, underscoring the urgent need for careful and responsible antibiotic use.

Dr Ashok MV, a paediatrician at Vasavi Hospitals, said this is a worrying trend that underscores the dangers of widespread prescriptions by doctors, as well as the growing incidence of self-medication and over-the-counter purchases by parents. "Second critical contributing factor is the failure to complete the full, prescribed course of medication; for instance, a parent may give only 2 or 3 mL of a prescribed 5 mL dose, or abruptly stop a five-day course after only a few days," he said, adding that this sub-therapeutic dosing allows the most resilient bacteria to survive, multiply, and develop resistance, ultimately making the initial drug useless and often necessitating the use of higher antibiotics, intravenous (IV) administration, or even hospital admission to resolve the infection. He cautioned that there could be long term implications of antibiotic resistance as there is a global shortage of new drug development.

Widespread availability of over-the-counter antibiotics and misuse at home are main drivers of antibiotic resistance, says doctor

Health professionals report that commonly prescribed first-line antibiotics, such as amoxicillin and azithromycin for respiratory infections, as well as ampicillin, trimethoprim, and sulfamethoxazole, are increasingly showing resistance in the population. Even advanced antibiotics like cefixime and ceftriaxone, typically used in hospital wards and ICUs, are beginning to encounter resistance in certain infections. In severe cases, multidrug-resistant organisms, including Klebsiella and Acinetobacter, are posing significant treatment challenges, highlighting the urgent need for judicious antibiotic use.

Dr Santhosh Kumar, senior consultant & lead - paediatrician and neonatologist, Motherhood Hospitals, Banashankari, said the main drivers of antibiotic resistance are the widespread availability of over-the-counter antibiotics and their misuse at home. "Most commonly the infection that we see in outpatient practices are 70 to 80 per cent viral infections," noted Dr Kumar. He said the unnecessary use of antibiotics is a major concern, and that in a small percentage of cases, parental pressure leads clinicians to prescribe antibiotics without appropriately using diagnostic tests.

Dr Kumar emphasised that efforts should focus on hospital antibiotic stewardship, rapid diagnostics, and use of antibiograms, along with strict enforcement of prescription regulations.

HC flags K-SET process

In a significant order with far-reaching consequences for academic recruitments, the High Court has directed the Karnataka State Eligibility Test (K-SET) Centre, Mysore University, and the University Grants Commission (UGC) to re-examine the procedure and standards followed while declaring K-SET results. The court has also made it clear that while publishing results, authorities must verify whether subject-wise and category-wise selections strictly follow the reservation norms mandated under the 1990 Karnataka SC, ST and OBC Reservation and Appointment Act. The ruling is expected to cast a serious impact on upcoming university-level appointments across the state.

Bay pressure dip brings sharp chill

A dip in atmospheric pressure over the Bay of Bengal has pushed up the cold across several regions, triggering light rain in parts and leaving residents shivering through the evenings. The drop has led to a noticeable rise in chill after 6 pm, with the cold gripping localities through the night and into the early morning hours. Cloudy weather over the past two days has further intensified the nip in the air. Schoolchildren heading out early have been braving the cold, while doctors warn that the season typically weakens immunity, making people prone to colds, fevers and coughs. Experts advise warm clothing to stay protected as temperatures continue to dip.

Child rights take centre stage this November

Various schools across city install Child Rights Trees, where children express dreams, ambitions, and demands on leaf-shaped paper and attach them to symbolic displays

Amid rising concerns over violence against children, adolescent pregnancies, and child marriages, the Directorate of Child Protection has instructed local bodies to designate and observe November as Child Rights Month. The initiative aims to raise awareness among children about their rights and to foster a child-friendly environment within local communities and educational institutions. The circular, issued by the Directorate of Child Protection, stated that Dr Thippeswamy KT, a member of the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, had written a letter on October 8, 2025, urging the declaration of November as Child Rights Month to help children become aware of their rights.

Many schools have installed a 'Child Rights Tree' on their premises, encouraging children to write their dreams, ambitions, and demands on leaf-shaped paper and attach them to the tree. "We have introduced the 'Child Rights Tree' at 11 schools. Students, teachers, headmasters and even police inspectors wrote their messages. It will help children to know their rights, and the schools to create child-friendly environments," said Darshana S, Executive (Communications), Sparsha Trust.

Appreciating the enthusiastic participation of students, Govindappa CM, Headmaster of Government Primary School, Tubarahalli, said that children have been actively engaging in the programme by writing their messages and dreams on leaf-shaped paper and attaching them to the Child Rights Tree.

Calling the initiative a unique effort, child rights activist Nagasimha G Rao expressed his support for the circular issued by the Directorate of Child Protection, declaring November as Child Rights Month. "Bengaluru-based NGO Sparsha Trust is conducting a unique programme at selected schools to create awareness about child rights. Students are planting 'Child Rights Trees' and writing messages on the trees daily, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility," said Rao. He said that the innovative approach educates students, teachers, and the community about child rights, promoting a culture of respect and empathy. "By nurturing the trees, children learn about the importance of protecting their rights and the environment. This initiative is a wonderful way to empower young minds and create a brighter future," he added.

— Y Maheswara Reddy

KSPCB milestone marked with call for eco friendly change

On the golden jubilee celebration of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), State Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre said that with citizens' cooperation, the Board should look at making 50 wards in the city free of single-use plastic. Speaking about the harmful effects of single-use plastic items, Khandre appealed that citizens should use cloth bags instead of plastic. He also mentioned that treated wastewater has been permitted for sale for building construction and emphasised that awareness about scientific disposal of e-waste and medical waste should be spread among the public.

"Natural resources should be used without greed, with emphasis on reuse and recycling. If we conserve nature, nature will protect us. Therefore, everyone should plant and nurture a tree. Laws and guidelines that are in place for environmental protection should be implemented strictly by the Board, and KSPCB should strive towards becoming the best state pollution control board across the country," Khandre said.

— BMB

Underage riding: 2 minors, mothers convicted, fined

In two separate cases, two minors and their mothers have been convicted and fined for traffic violations, including causing an accident and performing a wheelie. The judgments were delivered by the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC).

In the first case, a minor riding a scooter caused an accident in Kamakshipalya traffic police limits on March 16, 2025. The boy and his parents were booked under multiple sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Indian Motor Vehicles (IMV) Act. Following the investigation, police filed a chargesheet and the JJB found the boy guilty and imposed a fine of ₹2,900, while the JMFC Court fined the mother ₹26,000.

In the second case, a minor was caught performing a dangerous wheelie on Outer Ring Road on March 31. The JJB found him guilty and fined him ₹4,500. His mother was fined ₹26,000. **–BMB**

Man arrested for selling fake branded beedis

A man was arrested by the RMC Yard Police for allegedly selling fake beedis using the logo of a reputed beedi brand. Acting on specific information received from an informant on November 13, officers and staff of the RMC Yard Police Station conducted a raid at Yeshwantpur Lorry Stand and detained the accused.

According to police, the suspect had been illegally supplying counterfeit beedis to tea stalls and small shops, claiming they were genuine products of a well-known company. During interrogation, he confessed that he purchased low-cost beedis made in villages near Mangalore, repackaged them using the logo and branding of a reputed company, and sold them in Bengaluru at a higher price to earn illegal profit. Police seized 53 fake beedi bundles from his possession, worth ₹22,000. **–BMB**

CRIME FILES

Rapido rider assault, extortion: 3 arrested

Byadarahalli police have arrested three men identified as Prajwal (22), Darshan (23) and Suhas (23) for threatening and extorting money from a Rapido rider after staging a late-night assault near ITI Layout on November 10.

The victim, Piramdar, who works part-time with Rapido, filed a complaint stating that he received a ride request at around 2.14 am and picked up a passenger from ITI Layout, Maneshwar Layout. After travelling about two kilometres, the passenger asked him to stop. Moments later, two men arrived in an autorickshaw, snatched the rider's bike keys, mobile phone and credit card, and assaulted him. The passenger who booked the ride was found to be involved as well.

The trio forced the victim into the autorickshaw and drove to a petrol station on Magadi Road, where one of the accused used his credit card to transfer ₹15,500. Another accused used PhonePe to send ₹5,000 to an unknown person. They also stole ₹1,500 in cash before abandoning the victim near Muddinapalya and returning his belongings. **–BMB**

Woman slits daughter's throat, then attempts suicide

A 25-year-old woman was brutally attacked by her mother during a heated argument, leaving the victim with severe injuries, near the Harihareshwara Temple in Agrahara Layout on Wednesday.

The victim, Ramya, had reportedly been facing frequent marital disputes and would often return to her parents' house after quarrelling with her husband. According to police, her mother, Sujatha, had been frustrated with her daughter's issues.

On Tuesday morning, tensions flared again when Ramya returned to her parents' home for puja. The argument broke out in the early morning and in a fit of rage, Sujatha allegedly picked up a machete and attacked Ramya, causing a deep injury to her neck. She later reportedly slit her own throat.

According to police officials, Sujatha may have been suffering from psychological issues. Even in front of doctors, she reportedly claimed that she had cut her own throat. Ramya is in critical condition and unable to speak. **–BMB**

Down with drugs: 1 officer per station to keep vigil

Sanmitra is police initiative to have dedicated officers mentor addicts, monitor progress, engage families, and prevent relapses while building community trust

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In a major shift from enforcement-only policing to a more compassionate, long-term intervention model, the Karnataka State Police has launched 'Sanmitra', a statewide initiative aimed at monitoring, supporting and rehabilitating individuals battling substance abuse. Every police station in the State will now have a dedicated Sanmitra officer tasked with continuous follow-up of drug-related cases and assisting affected individuals and their families.

Director-General and Inspector-General of Police (DG & IGP) MA Saleem, in a circular issued to all units, said the initiative seeks to "transform lives" by addressing the root causes of drug dependency and ensuring continued mentorship, rather than ending police work with arrests and charge sheets. The focus, he emphasised, must now shift to tracking the sources of narcotics, preventing relapse, and rebuilding trust between communities and the police.

Karnataka police track drug cases, preventing relapse, building trust

Initiative emphasises confidential reporting, plain-clothes student outreach, collaboration with health professionals, and intelligence gathering to tackle drug misuse effectively

Dedicated helpdesk, confidential monitoring:

Under the programme, each police station will set up a Sanmitra helpdesk manned by trained personnel. Officers have been asked to identify individuals struggling with substance use and assign a specific staff member as their mentor. All details will be recorded confidentially and shared only with senior officers, with strict instructions that no information must be leaked at any stage.

The designated Sanmitra officer must remain in constant touch with the individual, engage with their family, and coordinate with mental-health professionals. Monthly progress will be entered in a station-level register and monitored through a multi-tier reporting system extending up to IGP and ADGP levels.

In the circular, it was noted that traditional policing—arresting the accused, seizing contraband, filing charge sheets and moving on—does little to address the underlying problem. The circular stresses that police must ensure that accused persons and addicts do not fall back into drug use or return to criminal networks, and must work closely with doctors, counsellors and social workers for treatment and sustained recovery.

The initiative also mandates that officers discreetly assess the social circle of each affected individual. If any friend is found showing signs of drug use, the Station House Officer must be alerted immediately for medical intervention.

Special focus on students:

Police have been instructed to avoid visiting campuses in uniform or holding formal interactions with students. Instead, Sanmitra personnel are required to approach student addicts in plain clothes, act as supportive peers, and help them return to regular classes without stigma. Confidence-building and ensuring consistent attendance are key elements of this approach.

The circular also details a strict, multi-level reporting system to maintain confidentiality. Station officers must review each case every two weeks, while monthly reports are to be sent in sealed, by-name envelopes to the SP or DCP. Once every three months, these officers will compile and forward consolidated reports to the IGPs, DIGs or Police Commissioners, who will, in turn, submit an annual performance assessment for their zones to the Additional Director-General of Police (Anti-Narcotics Task Force). All communication must be routed only through sealed and confidential correspondence to safeguard the privacy and dignity of individuals undergoing rehabilitation.

The initiative encourages police, teachers, families, and local leaders to identify early signs of drug misuse and reduce stigma, ensuring that persons seeking rehabilitation are extended exemptions under the NDPS Act without coercion. Officers are required to work closely with professional detox centres, Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCAs), and mental-health specialists, reviewing each case monthly to prevent setbacks.

While rehabilitation is central, Sanmitra also helps police track drug distribution, especially among students, using follow-ups, social-circle mapping, and family collaboration to gain insights often missed by routine enforcement.

Armed men rob cash van of ₹7.11 cr in broad daylight

Unidentified armed men allegedly robbed ₹7.11 crore from a CMS Info Systems cash van on Wednesday morning after intercepting the vehicle near the Jayanagar–Ashoka Pillar stretch on Wednesday afternoon. The incident took place in full public view, as the money was being transported for ATM replenishment.

According to the complaint, branch manager Vinod Chandrar, stated that cash collected from various locations across the city was being transported to be deposited in HDFC Bank ATMs. Around 9.30 am, the cash was loaded at the JP Nagar HDFC Currency Chest into a vehicle, driven by Binod Kumar, with custodian Afrab and gunmen Rajanna and Thammayya accompanying the consignment.

The manager and another CMS official were following the van when a SUV intercepted them near Siddapura Gate. The armed assailants forced the custodian and gunmen out of the vehicle and pushed them into the SUV. The complainant was then allegedly threatened at gunpoint and instructed to drive away alone in the cash-loaded van.

Cash van robbery unfolds near Jayanagar stretch

A short while later, the staff informed the branch manager that they had been threatened. The manager checked the vehicle's GPRS, which showed its last location near Hosur Road. The DVR installed in the vehicle was also missing. The complainant said the robbers had falsely claimed to be RBI officials. CMS officials informed their security manager, who alerted police control room 112. Investigators are also probing possible internal involvement, as the alert to police was reportedly delayed and the gunmen did not use their service weapons. **–BMB**

Robot scanners target city water loss system initiative

The BWSSB has deployed a new technology system that uses robots and AI to detect leakage points and trace illegal water and sewage connections across Bengaluru. Chairperson Ram Prasath Manohar said the technology is fully operational and already improving field accuracy. The board has partnered with a robotics firm to insert machines inside pipelines, where they scan the network, identify leaks, and prevent unnecessary road digging. The system marks precise fault locations, reducing turnaround time for repair teams while helping detect unauthorised links that increase losses. Alongside this, BWSSB has introduced Blue Force units to track violations and curb illegal connections across the city network operations. — BMB

Govt compensation announced for dog bite victims

The state government has issued an order directing Municipal Corporations under the Greater Bangalore Authority to compensate residents injured or affected by stray dog attacks. A dedicated committee will soon be set up to review cases and ensure timely compensation for victims across Bengaluru. According to the guidelines, victims suffering puncture wounds, deep bruising, lacerations, or multiple bites from stray dogs will receive ₹5,000, with ₹3,500 paid directly to the victim and ₹1,500 transferred to the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust for treatment expenses. In severe cases where a victim dies due to a stray dog attack or rabies linked to such an incident, compensation has been fixed at ₹5 lakh. The order aims to offer immediate relief and strengthen accountability within municipal bodies. — BMB

Infrastructure failure worsens as govt agencies dig repeatedly

Two-month-old asphalted stretch turns excavation zone repeatedly, forcing residents to endure dust, slush, traffic chaos and continuous inconvenience during essential works

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The poor road infrastructure at Judicial Layout off Kanakapura Road in South Bengaluru made headlines in September when residents staged a protest and children wrote a poem to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, highlighting the deteriorated condition of the roads. Residents were relieved when authorities subsequently asphalted the stretch, but their happiness lasted barely two months. They were shocked to see workers digging up the very road that had been resurfaced in September.

According to residents, the road has effectively become a testing ground for various government agencies, including the Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (Bescom), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), and the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB). "The residents of Judicial Layout staged a protest in September, and the road was asphalted. It is quite shocking and disgusting to see the road dug up for fixing water leakage," said Guru Prasad, a resident.

Criticising BWSSB authorities for failing to restore the road, another resident, Sivappa, said the lack of coordination among government departments is the primary reason the road is repeatedly dug up. "We can find one or the other government agency digging the road. The problem with the departments is that they forget to restore the road, causing inconvenience to motorists. We have been facing many problems due to poor road infrastructure here. We deal with slush during monsoon and dust during summer," he said.

Another resident, speaking on the condition of anonymity, blamed the authorities for their apathy. He said residents are not opposed to agencies fixing essential issues but are frustrated that the road is left damaged each time. "Residents have to run from pillar to post for restoration of the road. I agree that it is necessary to dig up the road to fix water leakage, but workers simply dump mud on the dug-up portion and do not bother to restore it properly," the resident said.

Workers dug up the road at Judicial Layout on Tuesday; (Below) Residents were staging protest in September;

> **"We can find one or the other government agency digging the road. The problem with the government departments is that they forget to restore the road thus causing inconvenience to the motorists** – Sivappa, resident

Meanwhile, a BWSSB Assistant Executive Engineer said the road was dug up to attend to water leakage. "For now, workers have filled the dug-up section with wet mix. I will take measures to restore the road after three to four days. A few residents have already complained and demanded that the authorities restore the road without delay. It will be fixed shortly," the engineer said.

Major land acquisition pushes corridor work forward

The long-delayed Bengaluru Business Corridor (BBC) project is finally gathering pace, with tenders for civil works expected to be floated by the end of January 2026. Aimed at easing growing traffic congestion in the city, Phase 1 of the Bengaluru Business Corridor (PRR-1) will span 73 km, with preparatory work already underway. The corridor is being executed through Bengaluru Business Corridor Limited (BBCL).

Initially, the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) had prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for a 100-metre-wide corridor. However, following design revisions, the width has now been reduced to 65 metres. The remaining 35 metres will be utilised for the creation of a commercial corridor. Space has also been earmarked for service roads, two-wheeler lanes, and a metro line along both sides of the main carriageway.

A BDA official said, "Given the significant design changes, experts are finalising a revised DPR, expected by December 2025. Once finalised, tender documents will be prepared and floated for civil works soon after." Sources said the total cost of civil construction is estimated at ₹7,500 crore. A loan of ₹27,000 crore has already been secured for the overall project. The land acquisition cost is yet to be finalised, as compensation will depend on the options chosen by farmers.

Land acquisition update

Sources said land acquisition for about 2,410 acres is in progress, with 800 acres already ready for final award notification. Regular meetings with landowners are being held to expedite the process. According to LK Atheek, Chairman of BBCL, the award notice for the 800 acres will be issued soon. Tenders will be invited once 80% of land acquisition is completed. Contracts are expected to be finalised within three months of tender invitation, with a 30-month timeline set for project completion after that.

Revenue plan outlined

An "Impact Zone" has been defined as the area extending 500 metres on either side of the corridor's 100-metre boundary. The government plans to impose an improvement fee on properties within this zone, expected to generate about ₹2,000 crore in additional revenue.

Major junctions such as Madanayakanahalli (Tumakuru Road), Dargah Road, Doddaballapura Road, Hennur Road, Channasandra Road, Whitefield Junction, Sarjapur Road, and Chokkanahalli will feature cloverleaf interchanges to enable smooth traffic movement. The corridor will link Tumakuru Road, Ballari Road, Old Madras Road, and Hosur Road, significantly improving connectivity across key city highways.

BDA officials said the final implementation model and toll rates for the Bengaluru Business Corridor are yet to be decided. — BMB

Key details

Phase 1 length: 73 km

Package 1: Tumakuru Road – Doddaballapura Road (19.37 km)

Package 2: Ballari Road – Old Madras Road (18 km)

Package 3: Old Madras Road – Hosur Road (27.75 km)

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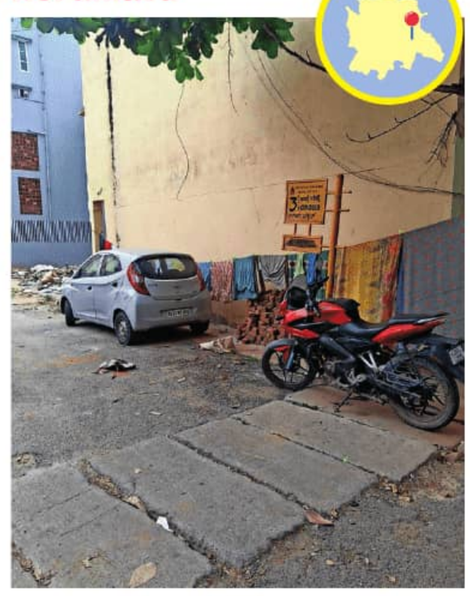
◎ Swift action

Benson Town

After the issue dragged on for a month, Bangalore Mirror's report prompted swift action, finally resolving the problem at 39, AALCO Layout, Byadarahalli, Benson Town.

◎ Blocked access

Horamavu



Two cars parked across the entrance on Horamavu Road have blocked access, forcing children onto the road and creating a serious safety risk.

◎ Walkaway obstruction

Hoodi Circle

Footpath encroachment near Hoodi Circle, beside nearby apartments, is forcing pedestrians onto the busy road and creating daily safety risks for residents.

KSPCB's environmental compensation recovery halted

The Karnataka High Court has granted temporary relief to Ramky Estates and Farms Pvt Ltd by preventing the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) from initiating any coercive measures to recover an environmental compensation demand of Rs 12.69 crore. A division bench led by Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru, sitting with Justice CM Poonacha, issued the interim direction after admitting the company's petition and seeking the State's response.

During the hearing, counsel for the real estate firm cited the Supreme Court's recent ruling in Delhi Pollution Control Committee v Lodhi Property Co Ltd. In that judgment, the apex court held that Pollution Control Boards may levy fixed sums or seek bank guarantees as a preventive measure to address possible environmental harm under Sections 33A of the Water Act and 31A of the Air Act. However, the Supreme Court also made it clear that such powers become enforceable only when detailed procedures, incorporating natural justice principles, are laid down through subordinate legislation.

Taking note of this requirement, the High Court observed that no such subordinate legislation has been put in place so far. On that basis, the bench found that the petitioner's argument, that the compensation could not currently be imposed or recovered, merited examination. The court therefore directed the KSPCB not to pursue recovery of the amount until the next hearing scheduled for February 2, 2026. Ramky Estates had challenged the Board's demand notice issued on October 16, 2025, questioning the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's authority to assess and collect "environmental compensation." The company argued that none of the statutes administered by the Board empower a State Board to quantify or recover monetary damages. Claiming that the proposed recovery would result in unlawful deprivation of property and cause irreparable harm, the petitioner had sought quashing of the Board's notice demanding Rs 12,69,60,000 as environmental compensation. **— BMB**

NMC asked to disclose added MBBS seats

The Karnataka High Court has directed the National Medical Commission (NMC) to share detailed information about how many MBBS seats were added after counselling for the 2025–26 academic year had already started. The court's demand came during a hearing on petitions filed by NEET aspirants, who challenged the way the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) handled its third-round allotment. Specifically, the bench led by Justices Jayant Banerji and KV Aravind asked NMC and KEA to clarify how many of the newly approved seats were allocated to the All India Quota (AIQ) from medical colleges in Karnataka after the counselling process began.

Although KEA published its provisional third-round list on October 24, 2025, the final allotment has been stayed following an interim court order on October 26. The stay came in response to concerns raised by students who had secured seats in earlier rounds: if those students shifted to the newly added seats, their original seats would be vacated, potentially benefitting lower-ranked candidates. The court had scheduled the matter for hearing on November 19, 2025. **— BMB**

State told to enforce child pillion safety rules

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The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the State government to promptly enforce Rule 138(7) of the Central Motor Vehicle (Second Amendment) Rules, 2022, which sets a maximum speed limit for motorcycles carrying young children as pillion riders, and makes helmets and safety harnesses mandatory for them.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha noted that despite some preliminary steps, the rule had not yet been effectively enforced. The bench observed, "Therefore, the state is now required to take effective steps to ensure that the rule is implemented. We accordingly dispose of the petition by directing the state to take immediate steps to ensure that the said rule is implemented." The order came in response to a petition by Dr Archana Bhat K, who sought directions to ensure the availability of child-specific helmets and safety harnesses for children aged nine months and above.

The State informed the court that it had initiated awareness campaigns on child safety, helmet use and harness systems. However, it acknowledged that child safety harnesses were not yet readily available. Officials also submitted that a meeting had been convened by the Additional Director General of Police and the Commissioner for Traffic and Road Safety with motorcycle and helmet manufacturers.

According to the State, manufacturers indicated that both safety harnesses and child crash helmets were still at the research and development stage, with testing expected to take five to six months. Responding to this, the bench remarked, "In substance it is stated that the equipment is not available and is under research and not developed. We consider it haphazard to direct the State to take steps in regards as expeditious as possible and preferably within six months." **— BMB**

'Late reporting no bar to accident victim relief'

The Karnataka High Court has held that delays in filing police complaints or a hospital's failure to inform the police about a road accident cannot, by themselves, be grounds to deny compensation to victims under the Motor Vehicles Act.

Justice Dr Chillakur Sumalatha delivered the ruling while allowing appeals filed by Pandurang Shivane and his wife, whose compensation claims had been rejected by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal on the ground that they had failed to prove their injuries were caused in a road traffic accident.

The couple contended that they were rushed to the hospital immediately after the incident and that the wound certificates issued during treatment clearly reflected the injuries they suffered. Because both were undergoing treatment and attending to each other, they were unable to approach the police at once. A complaint was later filed, and the police investigated and chargesheeted the rider of the offending motorcycle.

The High Court noted that the medical evidence supported their version. Referring to the wound certificates, the court observed that they clearly mentioned 'Road Traffic Accident (RTA)'. It further remarked, "For reasons best known, the hospital authorities did not give intimation to police. Failure on their part to give intimation to police should not affect the chances of the claimants getting compensated in motor accident claims."

The bench also emphasised that Indian law does not prescribe a time limit for filing a police complaint in such cases. Justice Sumalatha stated, "Law has not fixed any time limit for lodging complaint to police. Whether delay in setting the law into motion is fatal or not depends upon the facts and circumstances of each case."

The judgment emphasised that courts must assess delays carefully, noting that when such delays stem from genuine reasons—like the inability to approach the police immediately—they should not prevent a victim from obtaining justice.

The High Court relied on the Supreme Court's decision in Ravi v Badrinarayan, reiterating the principle that delay in lodging an FIR cannot by itself discredit a genuine claim.

Finding that the Tribunal had erred in dismissing the petitions solely because of the delayed complaint, the High Court set aside the impugned order. It directed the Tribunal to restore the cases and decide them afresh.

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K'taka universities crumble amid deepening faculty shortages

Over 60% teaching posts lie vacant statewide, forcing major universities to rely overwhelmingly on guest lecturers to run essential courses

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Universities struggle to run departments as permanent recruitment stalls, forcing hundreds of guest lecturers to handle heavy teaching loads across disciplines daily

A statewide audit shows public universities operating with severe faculty shortages, shrinking grants, and ballooning deficits. Guest lecturers now shoulder most teaching, undermining quality and exposing deep cracks in Karnataka's higher-education system

The State's public universities are facing a deepening academic crisis, with over 60% of sanctioned teaching posts lying vacant across the state. A consolidated analysis of staffing data from major universities reveals that the system depends overwhelmingly on guest lecturers to keep classrooms functional. Out of an estimated 5,500 sanctioned teaching positions, barely 2,000 are filled, leaving a staggering 3,500 vacancies, translating to a 64% overall shortage. Chronic under-recruitment, delayed clearances, and shrinking grants have crippled higher education — even in institutions once regarded as academic powerhouses.

The situation is starkest in the state capital, where three major universities — Bangalore University, Bengaluru City University, and Bengaluru North University — are operating with skeletal permanent staff. At Bangalore University, only 120 of its 365 sanctioned posts are filled, resulting in a 67% vacancy rate. The university relies on nearly 250 guest lecturers to handle its teaching load, despite having some of the strongest infrastructure in the state. Bengaluru City University fares even worse, with only 10 permanent faculty members for 161 sanctioned posts, amounting to a 93% vacancy rate. To keep its departments running, the university depends on 217 guest lecturers.

At Bengaluru North University, the crisis is more acute. Of 66 sanctioned teaching posts, just four are filled, leaving a 94% vacancy rate. With only 41 guest lecturers handling classes across disciplines, academic quality and research output have taken a major hit.

Newer institutions are not immune. Nrupatunga University, established in 2021 after the upgradation of Government Science College, has 100 sanctioned posts, of which 52 are filled. Despite having a new 55-crore building under RUSA, it continues to depend on 70 guest lecturers, as permanent recruitment and staff absorption remain stalled. Maharani Cluster University faces similar delays: 142 of its 272 posts are filled, and the remaining vacancies continue to be handled by temporary staff as it awaits clarity on faculty absorption from the Collegiate Education Department.

One of the worst-hit institutions is the University of Mysore. Once considered an academic anchor for southern Karnataka, it now has 400 vacancies out of 571 sanctioned posts — a 70% shortage. The university is running with 494 guest faculty members who have become its primary teaching workforce. The financial situation is equally grim: with internal revenue at 295.59 crore against an expenditure of 403.31 crore, it has passed a deficit budget of 107.72 crore for 2025–26. Pension liabilities alone consume 9 crore monthly, leaving a recurring shortfall.

Other universities, including Mangalore University, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University, Kannada University Hampi, and Rani Channamma University, are grappling with shrinking funds, declining affiliations, and acute faculty shortages — deepening a systemic crisis that threatens the future of public higher education in Karnataka.

Bengaluru seems to have blown its fuse

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driver reportedly attempted to run over a motorist following a heated verbal exchange. Videos captured by bystanders frequently go viral on social media, exposing the troubling frequency of such events.

During a press meet on Tuesday, media outlets raised public concerns regarding several issues. Citizens are urgently requesting an increase in beat policing due to a surge in road rage incidents and an increase in street robberies. The public complained that police officers are not routinely visiting their areas for beat policing patrols. In response, Seemanth Kumar Singh, City Police Commissioner, acknowledged these concerns, citing a specific road rage incident in Kengeri where action was taken against the offenders. He affirmed the department's awareness of the road rage issue, noting that Nakka bandis are already deployed, and urged to increase beat patrols.

Singh told BM, "We have deployed our beats and are conducting surprise checks. While there is nothing immediately alarming, every operation must be conducted in a proper manner. We recognise that road rage incidents occur at times and places without police checkpoints. We are actively evolving our mechanisms, including checking habitual offenders and rowdy-sheeters in specific areas to locate them and conduct thorough checks. There are two types of road rage incidents -- on is after an accident and in some cases, people do it deliberately to show off. Most of the road rage offenders are first timers, causing troubles after minor accidents or some other traffic dispute."

In another case, a private firm employee was assaulted by three motorcyclists in Wilson Garden between 4.30 am and 5.30 am after a minor verbal dispute escalated when the victim refused to let them pass. This follows two other significant incidents -- one of a couple chasing down a two-wheeler rider for 2 km and causing a collision and the other of a software engineer being assaulted with a sharp object near JP Nagar when his bike brushed an unidentified scooter.

A car driver in Munekolali, was viciously attacked after asking individuals who were blocking the road to move their bike. Ramachandra was reportedly beaten with a rod by the miscreants who had parked across the path of his car.

"It has become increasingly evident that night patrolling and scheduled beat rounds are not being carried out consistently. As a result, we are seeing a rise in mugging cases, mobile, chain snatching, and incidents of road rage. Many of these hotspots can be easily identified through CCTV footage, as the occurrences are frequent and concentrated. Strengthening night patrols in these specific areas will significantly help deter such activities and also fixing broken streetlights. Additionally, establishing Area Suraksha Mitras through coordinated efforts between citizens and the police can play a crucial role in preventing these incidents and enhancing overall community safety," said civic activist Vinod Jacob.

State urges Kerala to ease pilgrim's path

Karnataka Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh has written to the Kerala government urging immediate measures to ease the difficulties faced by thousands of Karnataka devotees travelling to Sabarimala this season. Citing reports of heavy crowding, long waiting hours and delays along key access routes, she has requested smoother vehicle movement and better-regulated crowd flow, especially on peak pilgrimage days. Rajneesh has also emphasised the need for additional medical posts, quicker emergency response teams and stronger policing in high- density zones. **–BMB**

IT industry backs sustainable farming

The Greater Bengaluru IT Companies and Industries Association (GBITCIA) has entered into an MoU with the Karnataka Compost Development Corporation Limited (KCDCL) to promote sustainable agriculture and strengthen farmer support across Karnataka. The agreement, signed at the Bengaluru Tech Summit in the presence of Prof M V Rajeev Gowda and KCDCL Chairman A N Nataraj Gowda, centres on improving soil health through wider adoption of organic compost. GBITCIA to buy compost and distribute free, boosting organic farming and soil health. **–BMB**

JD(S) launches silver jubilee celebrations

The JD(S) is set to mark 25 years of its formation with a silver jubilee celebration in Bengaluru on November 22, party legislature leader CB Suresh Babu announced. Commemorative events will begin on November 21 with a flag hoisting at 4.30 pm at the party office, followed by an exhibition showcasing the party's journey, key leaders and major programmes, along with a meeting of leaders from various states. Deve Gowda, Kumaraswamy join celebrations as JD(S) readies statewide jubilee events. **–BMB**

Mekedatu advances after SC clearance

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has announced that Karnataka will submit a revised Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared using the latest 2025–26 Schedule of Rates. In an official statement, he said the update is essential as the earlier DPR—based on 2018–19 rates and submitted to the Central Water Commission (CWC) on January 18, 2019—was never examined due to legal and administrative constraints. Supreme Court clearance allows state to issue corrections and submit a fresh, updated DPR using 2025-26 rates. **–BMB**

36 jeans washing units shut down

Ballari's jeans industry has been dealt a major setback, with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board ordering the closure of 36 jeans washing units over environmental violations. The directive has sparked anxiety among thousands of workers and families reliant on the sector, which includes over 500 manufacturing units producing more than 50,000 garments a day a figure that doubles during festival seasons. Officials said untreated wastewater discharged from washing units posed a serious environmental threat. The latest order follows the Upa Lokayukta's visit earlier this year, when polluted discharge was flagged by authorities during the inspection. **–BMB**

SOCIALTATTLE

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A post was shared on X by Kunal Kushwaha (@kunalstwt), in which it was mentioned that his Uber driver had downloaded all of his tutorials and was studying them to enter the tech field. Kushwaha, who is known for creating educational technology tutorials and courses on areas such as DevOps, cloud, DSA, and open-source development, stated that this interaction reflected "good people, good vibes" and added that he would be back in the city next year.

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WHAT'S TWEETING

A post was shared on X by @ggganeshh, in which it was stated that "in search of gold, diamonds were lost", referring to a photograph of M.G. Road, Bengaluru from the 1950s.

A post was shared on X by @swamin400, in which a Vijayanagar-era hero, Abbani Kolar, was highlighted with the tags #Heritage, #Travel, #Culture, and #IncredibleIndia. A photograph showing the neglected state of the heritage site was posted, and it was noted by users that the place was in "a dire state of neglect." Several other users also commented on the post, echoing concern over the condition of the place.

BANGALORE MIRROR TAGGED

A post was shared on X by @joy95952945, in which it was stated that garbage burning continued in Hoodi even with a police station nearby. It was mentioned that the issue was being treated as low priority, responsibilities between departments remained unclear, penalties were weak, local contractor influence persisted, and the problem had largely been ignored by everyone. The post, in which Bangalore Mirror and other civic handles were tagged, highlighted ongoing concerns about the situation.

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Blackbuck deaths: Experts call for independent probe

Central Zoo Authority urged to step in, conduct investigation to probe disease control failures and institutional lapses

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Carcasses of the blackbucks that died at Kittur Rani Channamma Zoological Park in Belagavi

Following the death of 31 blackbucks, an endangered species, at Kittur Rani Channamma Zoological Park in Belagavi, wildlife conservationists have called for an independent inquiry by the Central Zoo Authority into the incident.

Experts say the scale of mortality is unprecedented for a zoo and thus warrants a thorough assessment by the CZA to understand the factors that led to the incident. The inquiry will also help the CZA evaluate the functioning of systems mandated under the Guidelines for Establishment and Scientific Management of Zoos in India.

IN FOCUS Zoo tragedy

"This extremely high number of fatalities within a short period is alarming and necessitates a comprehensive CZA-led investigation to examine the circumstances, contributing factors, and institutional preparedness," said a wildlife conservationist.

In a written representation to the Member Secretary of the Central Zoo Authority, a citizen has raised concerns that crucial early warning signs may have been overlooked, resulting in delays in implementing appropriate containment, isolation, and disease control measures.

"Media reports indicate that the National Animal Disease Referral Expert System (NADRES), developed by ICAR–NIVEDI, Bengaluru, had in September predicted a high likelihood of an HS outbreak. This 'Vet Alert' was reportedly issued to the State Animal Husbandry Department and other stakeholders, and the advisory was repeated in November. Why were timely measures not taken?" questioned the citizen.

According to the Department of Ecology, Forest and Environment, the deaths were caused by a bacterial infection, with symptoms consistent with haemorrhagic septicaemia (HS). Preliminary post-mortem observations revealed extensive haemorrhagic lesions, indicating rapid bacterial spread.

Experts have highlighted that HS spreads rapidly under conditions of climate stress (such as sudden temperature drops), inadequate shelter, overcrowding, and poor hygiene. Immediate isolation of symptomatic animals, strict biosecurity controls, and timely vaccination are essential to prevent mortality.

"A transparent inquiry into the incident cannot be expected if conducted by the Zoo Authority of Karnataka. Various aspects, such as administration and staffing patterns, crisis and disaster management preparedness, upkeep of animals and health monitoring assessments, hygiene and feed quality, record-keeping system verification, etc., need to be assessed in this case.

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2 solid waste management plants on the cards

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Within GBA limits, nine legacy waste dump sites containing a total of 97.82 LMT were identified. The affidavit clarifies that while scientific capping of 42.44 LMT has been completed at Bellahalli and Mittaganahalli, apart from 4.43 LMT of remediation at Bagaluru, the remaining sites are at various stages of progress and are expected to be fully completed by August 2027.

Karnataka scenario

Apart from the untreated wet waste under GBA, 971 tonnes per day of the wet waste across other urban local bodies' limits are going untreated. For this management, the government has proposed an additional processing capacity enhancement of 9,200 tonnes per day.

Similarly, to address the gap of 871 tonnes per day in dry waste management, a further capacity enhancement of 3,045 tonnes per day is planned.

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I, RAKESH KAMBLE NARASINGAPPA residing at Brigade Lakefront, T1378, Crimson T Block, EPIP Zone, Whitefield, Bengaluru -560048 hereby state that in my Minors Daughter NEHAL RAKESH's school record the 1) Father name is mentioned as RAKESH KAMBLE instead of RAKESH KAMBLE NARASINGAPPA 2) Mother name is mentioned as APARNA N instead of APARNA NAGARAJAPPA and her name is mentioned as NEHAL R instead of NEHAL RAKESH, Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 19-11-2025 before notary Deepa M, Bangalore.

I, Salma Sultana W/o ayub Pasha R/o 203-13, RK Residency-2,1st Cross, Lalbagh Siddapura, Jayanagara B'lore-560011 have changed my name to Saleema Sultana.

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I, Shazad Fathima D/o Imran Pasha R/o 10-3/2,1st floor, 6th Main Rd, BG Road, Bismilla Nagar B'lore-560029 have changed my name to Anabiya.

I, Ningaiah U C s/o Chowdaiah R/o No.2937, 1st block, Sonnenahalli, Kengeri-post, Bengaluru 560060 have changed my name to RAJU U C. Affidavit Dt.19/12/2025 Notary Harisha G, Bengaluru

I, Jasmine Babu Jeromica R/o No, 284, 5th Square, Austin town, viveknagar post, Bangalore, 560047, have changed my name to Jasmine Jeromica for all purposes

I, Adarsh Gulgulia S/o Om Prakash Gulgulia R/o # 34, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Manjunath Nagar, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061 have changed my name to Adarsh Kumar Gulgulia for all purposes.

I, Mrs. Kowsalya C, W/o. Prabhakaran P, R/o. #33, 1st Floor, 21st Cross, Ejipura, Viveknagar Post, Bangalore 560047. After Marriage I have changed my name "Kowsalya" & "Kowsalya C" to "Kowsalya P" in all documents for all purposes wide Affidavit No: IN-KA97093023820635X.

I Santosh Shetty S/O, Narayan R/o No 34 1st Floor Rk Garden 4th Cross Rmv 2nd Stage Bangalore 560054 have changed my name to Santosh Narayan Shetty.

I, HALEEMA SADIA d/o Mohammed Sabir Hassan residing at No 44/3 1st Cross, Chowdaiah School, Bangalore North, R T Nagar Bangalore - 560032. I have changed my name to HALEEMA SADIYA. Vide affidavit dated 18/11/2025 sworn before notary. Chandrashekar M Bangalore

I, Aliasgar Abbas Madraswala R/o # Pursuit Of A Radical Rhapsody No-1273 Road, No-58, EPIP Zone, White Field Bangalore- 560048 have changed my minor Son name from Burhanuddin Aliasgar Madraswala to Burhanuddin for all purposes.

I, HALEEMA SADIA residing at # 3rd Cross , 4th Main, Near Bapuji High School, Adarshanagara, Hassan – 573201. I have changed my name to HALEEMA SADIYA. Vide affidavit dated 18/11/2025 sworn before notary. Chandrashekar M Bangalore

I, SYED MANSOOR ZIAULLAH residing at No 27, 4th Cross Rashid Nagar D Block, Dr A P J Abdul Kalam (Govindapura) Main Road, Bangalore – 560045. I have changed my name to SYED MANSOOR . Vide affidavit dated 18/11/2025 sworn before notary. Chandrashekar M Bangalore

I, SURESH T.N, S/o Nagarajan Y, R/o #B202, Kohinoor Residence, 2nd A Cross,11th Main Road, AECS Layout A Block, Singasandra. Bangalore - 560068, have changed my name from SURESH T.N to SURESH NAGARAJAN vide affidavit dated 11/09/2025 sworn before notary K.V.MANI B'lore.

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From a teenager's POV

What researchers found when studying youngsters' views on their online activities

Teenagers all over the world use social media and messaging apps as part of their daily lives. This is accompanied by growing concerns about negative effects of social media on youth mental health – and ongoing debates around limiting screen time and access to digital devices.

What's frequently missing in these conversations, though, is what teenagers themselves think. How do online activities affect their mental health? How do they want adults to engage with them around this issue? Figuring out the concerns that young people have is crucial to addressing the ways these might be affecting their mental health.

In our recent research, we collaborated with Unicef and partners around the world to interview over 490 young people aged ten to 19 about their mental health and use of digital communication.

This was a unique study, given the diversity of countries included: Belgium, Chile, Egypt, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, China, Malawi, Switzerland, Sweden and the US.

We found that the young people had nuanced views. They reflected on both positive and negative aspects of digital communication. The views they expressed were fairly similar across countries and income levels, pointing to shared sentiments among young people in an increasingly globalised digital world.

Across countries, young people repeatedly mentioned that adults are not sufficiently involved or do not understand what children and teenagers do online.

They also pointed out that adults too seldom reflect on their own digital activities. And perhaps contrary to what adults might expect, young people wanted adults to know and care about their online lives.

A young boy from Chile said: "I have a friend that I met through a game. He speaks to me six days a week to tell me that he has problems and that he cannot tell his parents, because when he tells them they minimise it. I try to help him […] but I am not an adult who has lived those things."

Many participants emphasised that digital communication can provide social and emotional support and belonging, which are good for wellbeing. But young people also reported how digital interactions can increase stress and anxiety by constant social comparisons, cyberbullying and time-wasting. They wanted adults to give them more guidance about how to deal with what they experienced online.

According to the young people, the quality of their online interactions is really important. Positive and supportive communication tends to act as a buffer to negative emotions. Negative interactions or passive consumption of others' content, however, tend to create or amplify poor mental health, such as symptoms of depression.

Comparisons and bullying

They told us that constant comparisons with celebrities and influencers – their physical appearance and economic success – create unrealistic life expectations and promote harmful gender stereotypes.

For girls in particular, this meant a pressure to look "pretty", as well as feeling that their self-worth was linked to the number of likes or interactions received on social media posts.

Many young people told us they knew that online content is not necessarily genuine, but that such social comparisons still affected their mental health negatively.

A teenage boy in Sweden said: "I think social media has a very big influence. You compare yourself with other people. You don't see that they are another human being, [that] they have other problems. You only see this facade of a human being that is perfect, and it makes you feel worse."

Another major negative aspect was bullying on social media or in chat groups. Digital tools extend bullying from physical settings, such as in school, into young people's private spaces. "With social networks we are never protected from the opinions of others," one boy said.

Both boys and girls feared their photos being misused or being disseminated in embarrassing or threatening ways. Young people in a number of countries also felt that girls are more vulnerable to sexually explicit abuse online.

But young people globally agreed that digital communication helps them to develop and strengthen their social connections. Our interviews took place during the COVID-19 pandemic, when this connection was particularly important.

Social media helped them to make new friends from far away who shared similar interests or faced similar challenges. This created mutual support to navigate mental health challenges.

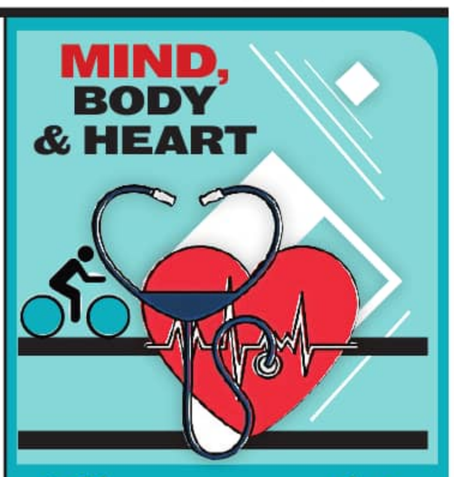
A teenage girl in Chile said: "You sometimes get stuck on the internet because there are people who you can get to know, who for example have the same interests, and there you no longer feel rejected... The people around you, they do not accept you... [The internet] can make you feel better, like you are not alone."

The young people also told us that social media and online gaming distract them from problems and stressors, helping them cope with mental distress. They talked about the value of anonymous help for mental distress online, as well as being able to find accessible information about mental health online.

To help young people deal with how their online lives affect their mental health, adults need to strengthen their own digital literacy and listen to young people's perspectives.

Initiatives that promote safer online environments should be designed together with young people to be relevant, trusted, and effective.

(By Leo Ziegel, Karolinska Institutet; and Carl Fredrik Sjoland, Karolinska Institutet, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Morning habits

1. Start Your Day With Hydration
After hours without water, your body wakes up slightly dehydrated. Dr. Neerja notes that a simple glass of warm or room-temperature water "gently stimulates digestion and supports detoxification."
Pro tip: A squeeze of lemon or a spoon of soaked chia seeds can add antioxidants, fibre, and essential nutrients to your morning hydration ritual.

2. Cultivate A Calm, Mindful Morning
Stress has a direct impact on gut health. The state of your mind in the morning can influence the state of your gut.
Pro tip: Simple habits like stretching, deep breathing, meditation, or gratitude can help regulate cortisol levels and support smoother digestion throughout the day.

3. Power Up On Probiotics
A balanced gut needs beneficial bacteria. According to Dr. Neerja, "Probiotics play a key role in maintaining harmony between good and harmful bacteria."
Pro Tip: Adding probiotic-rich foods to your breakfast helps strengthen digestion, boost nutrient absorption, and support immunity.

4. Build A Gut-Friendly Breakfast
Your first meal sets the tone for your digestive system. Choose a breakfast rich in fibre, healthy fats, and protein. This combination feeds beneficial gut bacteria and maintains stable energy levels.
Pro Tip: Include oats, fruits, nuts, yoghurt, or legumes in your breakfast.

5. Move Your Body, Gently
You don't need an intense workout to support gut motility. A short walk, yoga, or light stretching can stimulate digestion, ease bloating, and encourage regular bowel movements, which is an easy win for digestive comfort.
Pro Tip: Target 15-20 mins of short walk or yoga a day

—Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

High blood pressure among children doubles; obesity may be driving trend

The worldwide prevalence of high blood pressure in children and adolescents nearly doubled between 2000 and 2020, new research shows, with obesity potentially driving the increase.

In 2000, about 3.2% of children had hypertension. By 2020, the prevalence had increased to more than 6.2% of children and adolescents under age 19, affecting 114 million young people around the world, according to a report in The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health.

The study also found that an additional 8.2% of children and adolescents have blood pressure levels higher than normal but do not yet meet the criteria for hypertension.

Obesity may be a substantial driver of the increase in childhood hypertension, the data suggest.

Nearly 19% of children and adolescents living with obesity were hypertensive, compared to less than 3% of children and adolescents considered to be at a healthy weight.

Obesity can cause other health problems, such as insulin resistance and changes in blood vessels, which make it harder to keep blood pressure within a healthy range, the authors noted.

Reviewing data from 96 studies involving more than 443,000 children in 21 countries, the researchers found that how blood pressure is measured in children and adolescents can affect prevalence estimates.

When hypertension is confirmed by a healthcare provider over at least three in-office visits, the prevalence was estimated to be about 4.3%.

However, when out-of-office assessments such as home blood pressure monitoring were included, the prevalence of sustained hypertension climbed to about 6.7%. —Reuters

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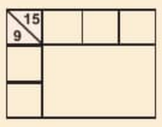
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

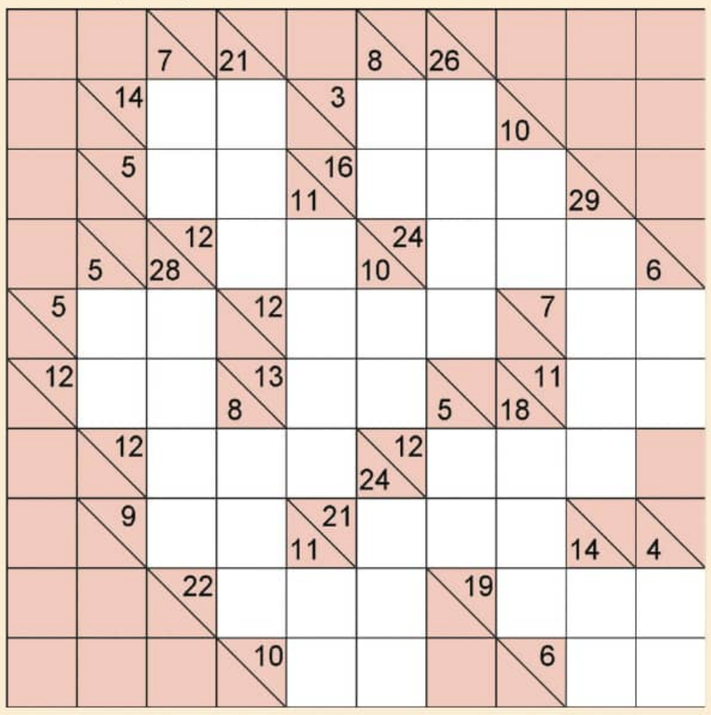
$1/64 \times (\sqrt{8}(\sqrt{4})) = 16^{\wedge}x;$
$x = ?$

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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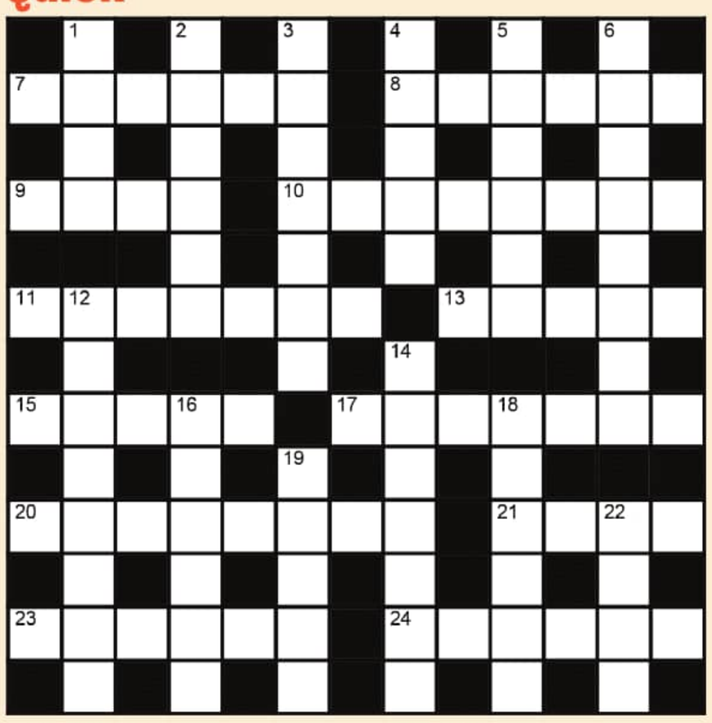


ACROSS

7 Martial art (4,2)
8 Come to an end (3,3)
9 ___ Raikkonen: 2007 F1 World Champion (4)
10 Holiness; sacred character (8)
11 Art of paper folding (7)
13 Made __ __ : employed? (3,2)
15 Revises copy (5)
17 Moderately wealthy (4,3)
20 Toy for railway enthusiast (5-3)
21 Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike in short (4)
23 Moscow country (6)
24 It may be encashed in a bank (6)

DOWN

1 Japanese mountain (4)
2 Maturing or growing old (6)
3 Characterised by abundance (7)
4 English river (5)
5 Blends, bonds or coalesces together (6)
6 Accept as an irredeemable loss (5,3)
12 Golf trophy–"Cry prude" anagram? (5,3)
14 Salad leaves (7)
16 Craving for drink (6)
18 Tossed slowly (6)
19 Customary (5)
22 Savage (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Y EQUALS T

YXR ZJN IW WIFYDLR QB EQHR J XJFTRBY ZJN, UR VDBY PR PDBN UXRL YXR MIFL QB FQAR.

Linemaro

I am not David Blaine but I see magic in you

Mindchow

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful

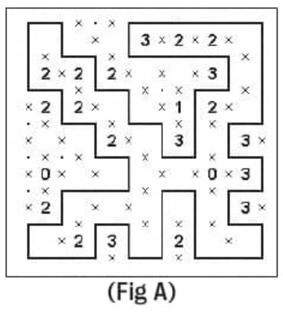
Joke of the day

I told my doctor I broke my arm in two places; he told me to keep out of those places

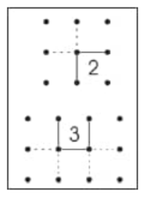
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

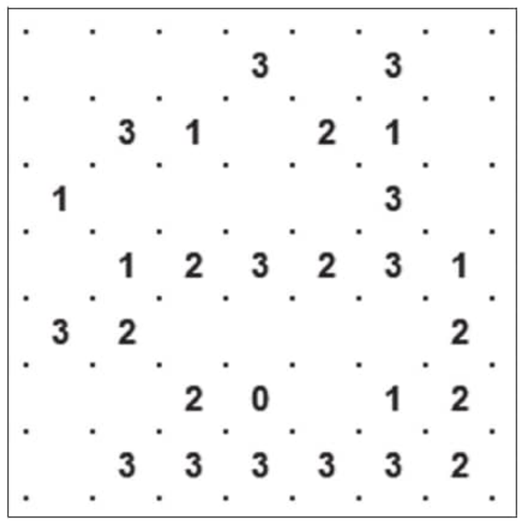


(Fig B) Not Allowed

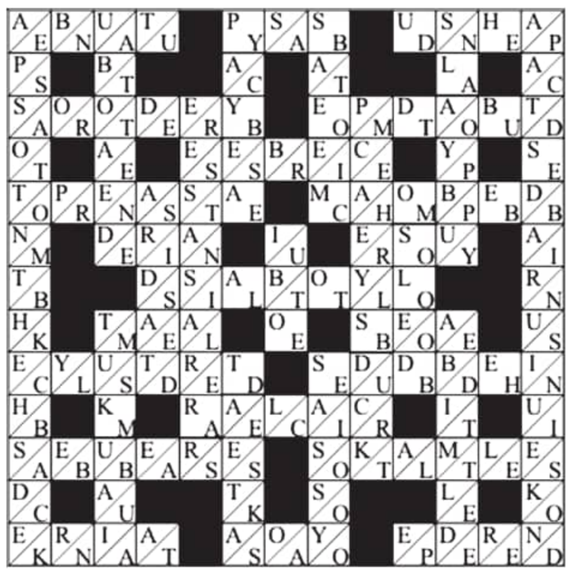
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



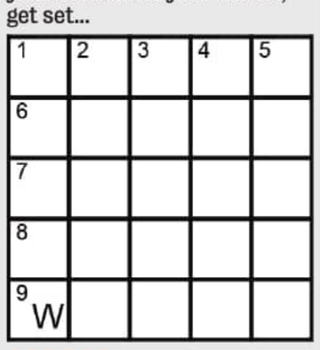
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 A drip; 6 Me rye;
7 Skean; 8 A err I;
9 Low SD

DOWN

1 Wears; 2 Namoi;
3 Paler; 4 Dr Ike;
5 Dreys

Mensapuzzle

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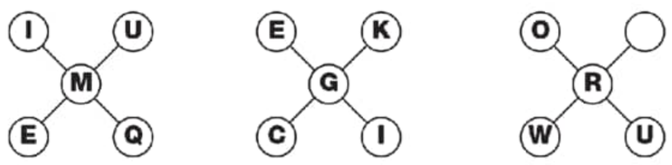
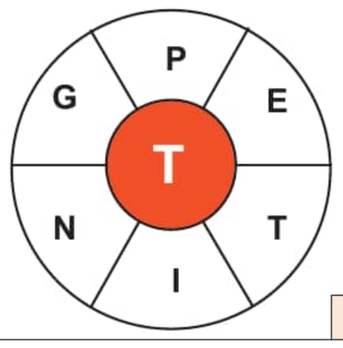


Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **06** Good; **08** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

6	4	1		7		5		
	5						7	6
			8					1
8	9		3	4			5	
	3			6	2		8	4
2					7			
3	7						4	
		6		8		7	3	9

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy

= 2

2 4 5 9

Medium

= 5

1 4 9 9

Hard

= 12

1 3 4 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

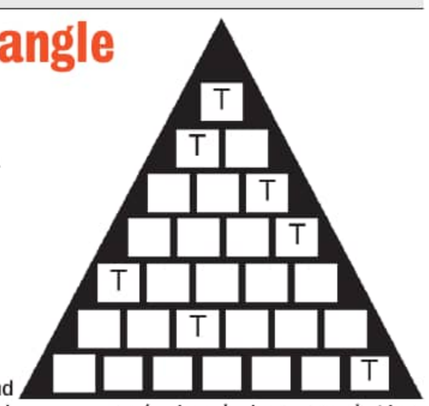
Differences: 1. Ann is moved. 2. Mouth is different. 3. Back of undershirt is different. 4. Drawer is larger. 5. Bush is smaller. 6. Eye is closed.

Riddler

What number comes next? 2, 2, 4, 12, 48, ___

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 Infinitive word
3 Guff
4 Whats left at sea
5 Literary device
6 A liquid fuel
7 Bead of water

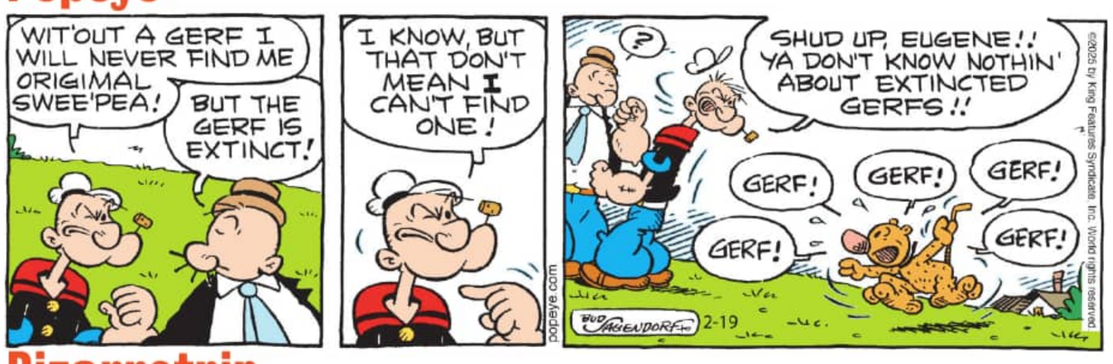


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye


WIT'OUT A GERF I WILL NEVER FIND ME ORIGIMAL SWEE'PEA!
BUT THE GERF IS EXTINCT!
I KNOW, BUT THAT DON'T MEAN I CAN'T FIND ONE!
SHUD UP, EUGENE!! YA DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT EXTINCTED GERFS!!
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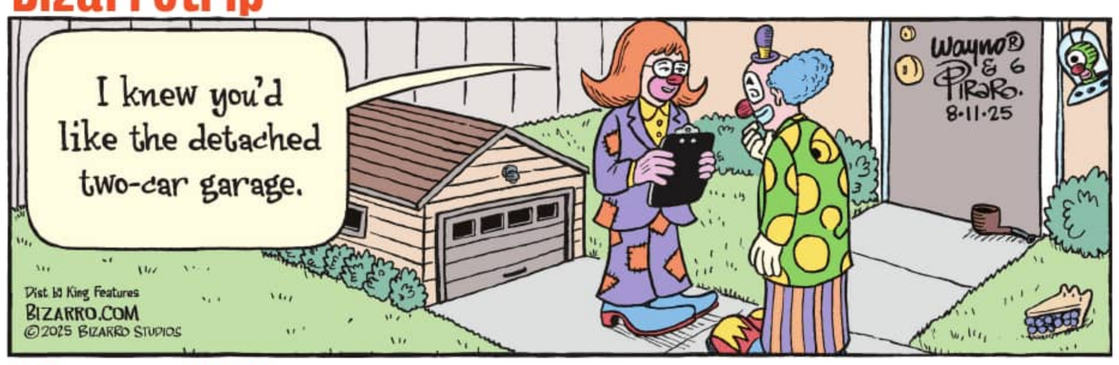

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

DANA, WE NEED TO TALK.
UH-HUH.
YOU GOTTA STOP BEING SO MEAN TO PEOPLE. ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE DIRECTING THE PLAY.
WHERE IS THIS COMING FROM?
BEING ACQUAINTED WITH YOU MAKES PEOPLE THINK I'M A BULLY! I'M NOT A BULLY!!
I WAS VOTED BEST ENTERTAINER AT SCHOOL!!
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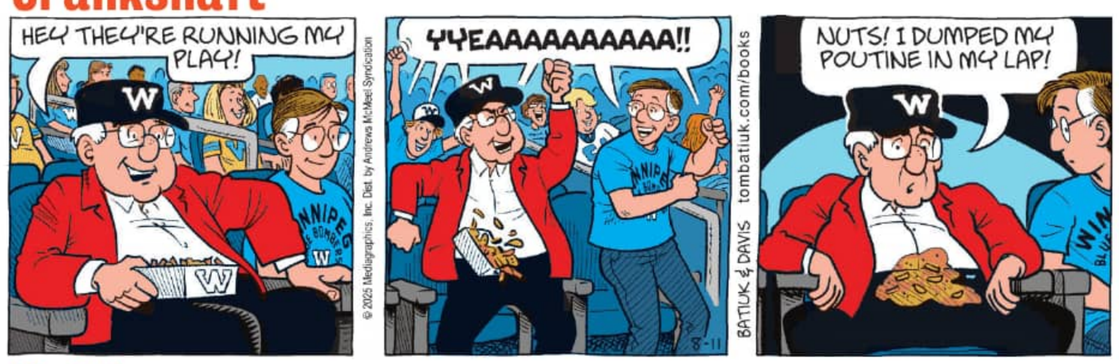
Crankshaft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YYEAAAAAAAAAA!!
NUTS! I DUMPED MY POUTINE IN MY LAP!
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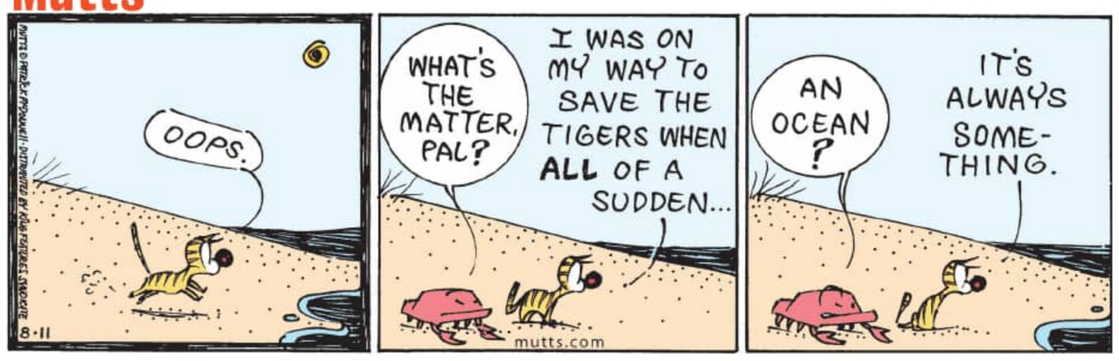

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

Your strong communication skills are the key to a career advancement and subsequent financial boost. Love is playful, filled with laughter and enjoyable dates; keep things light. Family welcomes a new member or celebrates a very significant expansion this year. Embrace networking; new social connections bring exceptional luck.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Finances improve, bringing relief and optimism. Reflect on past money lessons to avoid repetition. If exploring a new job or venture, today's energy supports planning and bold beginnings toward success.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

Rest and relaxation take priority today. Step away from work, enjoy nature, and indulge in self-care. Peace returns; treat yourself kindly and recharge your energy fully.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

A refreshing perspective brightens your day. Release the past and welcome new friendships that inspire growth. Openness brings joy, deeper connections, and a positive shift in how you view life.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Your compassion shines today; offer support to loved ones who need guidance. Sharing wisdom brings healing and strengthens bonds. Acts of kindness invite good karma and emotional fulfilment.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Say yes to opportunities in love and career. Embrace change without dominance; new experiences hold transformative potential. Surrender control slightly; what's arriving may be everything you've secretly desired.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Adventure calls; step outside your comfort zone. Travel, explore, or try something new. Fresh surroundings spark creativity and motivation, inspiring bold ideas and renewed enthusiasm for life's possibilities.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Emotions run high, so take things slow. Prioritise peace through rest, meditation, or quiet reflection. Let stillness restore clarity and balance, allowing positivity to replace today's emotional overwhelm.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

You control your success; lead with confidence. Stay cautious and assertive; recognition follows your dedication. Be mindful of competition, but trust your persistence to secure leadership and professional advancement.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Your adventurous side awakens; seek movement and joy. A beach trip or mini escape renews energy and perspective. Fun, freedom, and travel today reignite your passion for living fully.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Avoid rigidity; growth requires flexibility. Explore new skills or perspectives and open your heart to unexpected encounters. Curiosity today brings learning, joy, and possibly someone special into your journey

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Let go of the past and refocus on progress. Make mindful health and career decisions; they shape your future. Structure plans carefully and reclaim power over choices guiding success.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Feeling misunderstood? Express affection through actions, not arguments. Thoughtful gestures, like shared experiences or favourite treats, speak volumes. Love deepens when shown with sincerity, warmth, and quiet emotional understanding today.

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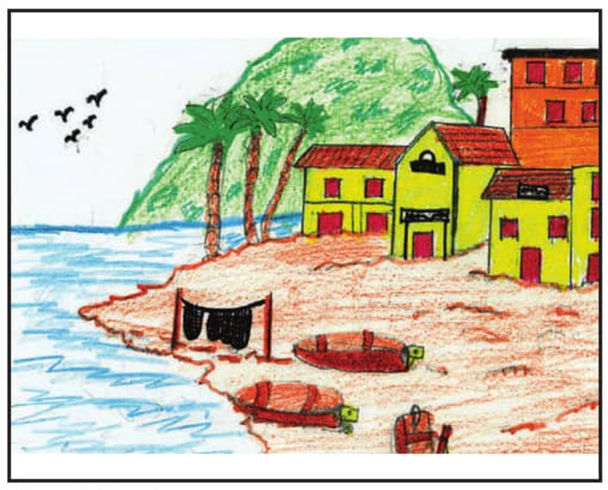

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BULL'S EYE

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QUOTE UNCODE

The day of fortune is like a harvest day, We must be busy when the corn is ripe.

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MENSA PUZZLE

M. Each centre letter is the midpoint between the pairs of letters in the diagonal lines.

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240. To get the number, multiply the previous number in the series by its position. 48 is in the 5th position, so 48 × 5 = 240

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ALPHA TRIANGLE

T, To, Rot, Port, Trope, Petrol, Droplet.

GO FIGURE

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Medium
4 + 9 + 1 - 9 = 5
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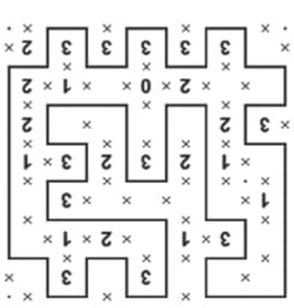

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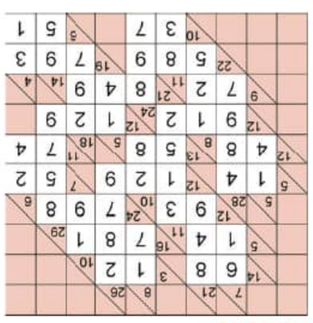

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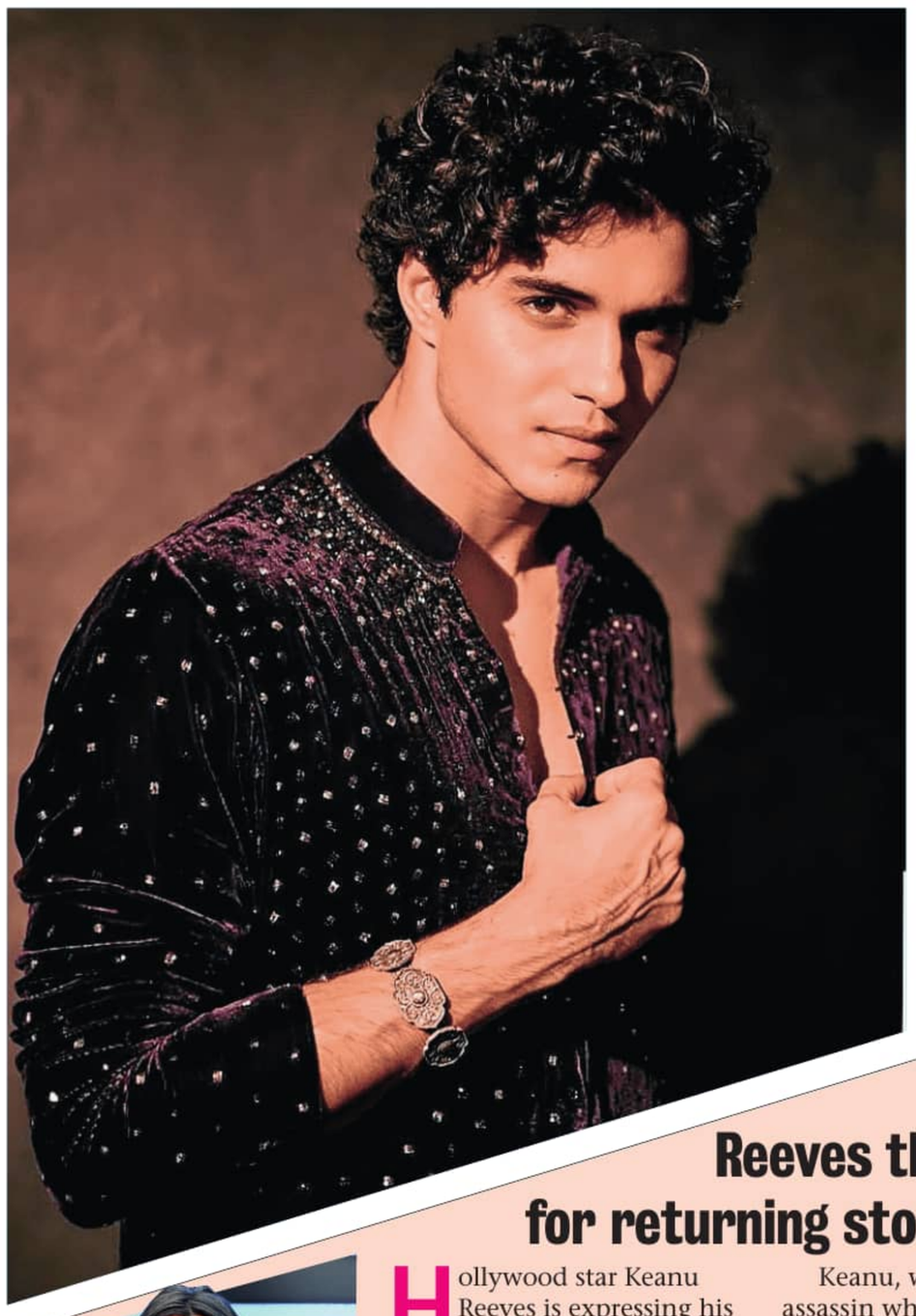
 # Top honour
Leonardo DiCaprio to be conferred with top honour at Palm Springs Film Festival

What is true manliness?



According to Abhay Verma, it is being empathetic and understanding

Abhay Verma gained recognition with his performance as Bittu in the 2023 film 'Munjya'. He is set to appear in several romantic comedies, including 'Laikey Laikaa', alongside Rasha Thadani, and another project featuring Shanaya Kapoor. Despite the modern roles he portrays, Abhay reveals that the traditional ideas of masculinity he grew up with were quite different from the sensitive and layered characters he plays today.

Talking to Hindustan Times, Abhay revealed that he grew up in Haryana, where the idea of manliness was often tied to physical strength. It wasn't about influence but more about body power and the ability to intimidate others. However, as he got older, he understood that true manliness is the opposite; it is about being empathetic and understanding rather than using intimidation. He believes this is what truly makes a man better. Improved gender understanding among today's men When asked about one positive change in this generation of men compared to the previous one, Abhay said,

"The understanding with the other sex is better in today's men. I have seen people, including myself, who are very sensitive towards women and their needs.

A great example of this is that today girls feel comfortable telling men about things like their periods. It takes a lot for a woman to say that to a man, and to get that kind of trust is a big thing."

—ETimes

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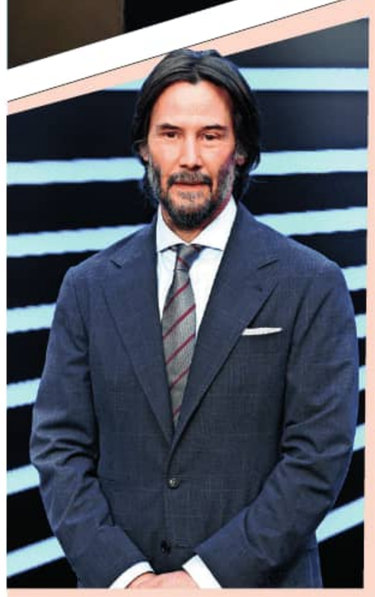
Keanu Reeves thanks FBI for returning stolen items

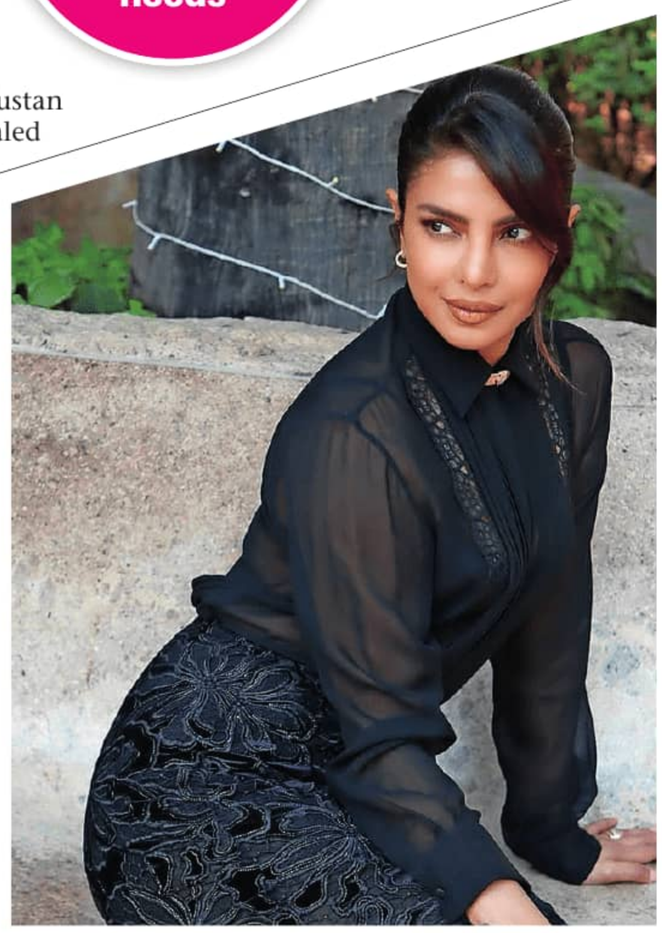


Hollywood star Keanu Reeves is expressing his gratitude to the FBI for returning items that were stolen from his home in a burglary back in 2023.

The 61-year-old actor's property in Los Angeles was targeted by thieves two years ago but US authorities have worked with officials in Chile to locate some of the star's stolen possessions, including a personalised Rolex watch featured in his 'John Wick' films, and have them returned to him, reports 'Female First UK'.

Keanu, who played an assassin who comes out of retirement after he's targeted by burglars in the John Wick series, thanked the FBI in a handwritten letter, which read, "It is with profound gratitude and appreciation that I am writing this letter. Thank you so much for all your effort, dedication, professionalism and cross-border cooperation. My warmest regards, Keanu".

The Los Angeles Police Department Chief Jim McDonnell said crime today knows no borders. — IANS



Practice is on

Priyanka Chopra Jonas is finally returning to Indian cinema, and she is doing it in style. The global star is stepping back into the world of Telugu cinema with SS Rajamouli's much-awaited sci-fi action adventure 'Varanasi'. Her comeback has already created

huge excitement among fans, but the biggest highlight has been her confirmation that she will dub for herself in Telugu for the film.

After the film's grand title and teaser reveal event, the 'Fashion' actress shared a behind-the-scenes video on Instagram that gave fans a close look at her preparation. Soon after she posted the video, fans filled the comments section with questions. One fan asked her directly whether she would be dubbing for her role in the film. Priyanka replied, "Yes I am. Practising hard." The video began with her practising her Telugu lines for the live event. Wearing a face mask and writing notes for her speech, the 'Bajirao Mastani' actress worked on getting every word right before stepping on stage. Chopra was also seen getting slightly nervous as she prepared with her team. At one point, she admitted, "it's more difficult to speak Telugu in front of a live audience than in a movie."—ETimes

Quality over quantity

Actress Alankrita Sahai, who began her journey in 2017, says her time in the industry has been shaped as much by personal loss as by professional learning. "My journey has been challenging and rewarding," she says. "Many people don't know that I lost my father, and that made me step away for three and a half years.

During that time, prioritizing my family was more important than securing projects." Returning to work after that break gave her clarity. "The industry is competitive," she says. "But it's important to handle situations gracefully instead of dwelling on what's lacking. My focus is on honing my craft. I believe in quality over quantity and choosing projects that resonate with me." Her transition from modeling to acting has been a gradual build. "It's been a thrilling experience, but I feel my acting career hasn't fully blossomed yet," she says. "I've worked on some good projects like Namaste England and Love Per Square Foot, but there's much more I want to do. I believe that with persistence, my efforts will be recognized." —ETimes

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On social media

Karunada Chakravarthy Dr Shiva Rajkumar unveiled the first look poster of Ivane Srinivasa and wished the cast good luck. Prathap, who has been working as auto tipper driver with Greater Bengaluru Authority, debuts as a hero in Sandalwood with this movie. S Kumar, who has written the script, screenplay, and dialogues, is directing this movie.

Ivane Srinivasa is about disadvantages of social media, director S Kumar said, adding that Pratap has also funded this movie. "The movie conveys a message to society on the ill-effects of social media. It throws some light on cyber crime and cheating of gullible people. It is the last movie for actor Mohan Juneja who is no more," said the director. He said the movie was shot in and around Bengaluru, Mysuru, Kolar, Tumakuru and surrounding locations. "The movie educates the audiences why we should not upload our personal data on social media. The movie has three action scenes and three songs. We are planning to release it in January," he said.

Psychological thriller

Debutant director Prashant ML from Mysuru is coming out with a psychological thriller. The movie's title is February 30. The teaser of the movie was unveiled at Renukamba Preview Theater on Monday. Joseph Baby is bankrolling the movie under the Shankara Movies International banner. The movie features Abhisekh, Sahitya Shetty, Akshay, Manoj and Shivakumar.

Prashant said that he has been working as a software engineer. "I have the habit of writing scripts during my leisure time. My friends not only encouraged me to direct this movie but also introduced the producer to me. The title of this movie has already created curiosity among movie buffs. The audiences have to watch this movie at theaters to know why I have selected February 30 as its title. The movie narrates how Arishadvara (six enemies of the mind) will ruin our lives," the director said. He said the movie revolves around five friends who visit an unknown location. "The story is how the five friends fight against the villain. The story begins in Mysuru and ends in Mysuru," he said.